

Enclosed is a letter received lately, from the principal of an "Academy". He has been informed where your "Structural & Scientific Botany" can be obtained.

Wilmington Del,
Oct. 5th 1867

Dear Dr. Gray, I have thought somewhat upon the piece of work you ask me to undertake, and while doubting very much my ability to make it what it should be, am willing to try, at least so far as the preliminary observations are concerned. If after this, you or I become convinced that the necessary power is wanting, somebody nearer the mark will have the benefit of my notes and observations so that perhaps the work need not be delayed much. I confess I do not get from your letter exactly the idea